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### **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Approved November 5, 2018)**

The Advanced Practice Committee held a meeting on September 17, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

**PRESENT:** Ron Castaldo, CRNA; Megan Williams, FNP-C; Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Joseph Rubacky, DO; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh

**ABSENT:** Leena Paul, MD; Mary Diamond, DO, Katie O'Brian, CNM

**GUESTS:** None

**PRESIDING:** Ron Castaldo, CRNA

**STAFF:** Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Castaldo called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m. This is the first meeting where members used e-boards to review documents.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Minutes from July 16, 2018 were reviewed. Dr. Rubacky made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dr. Williams. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### Barbara Vodvarka, Family NP

Dr. Zickafoose stated Ms. Vodvarka submitted a new application with another collaborator for recent practice since the tabled application was outside the five year time limit. Following review of the documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Rubacky, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Applications for independent practice:

##### Ema Ndi, FNP and PMHNP

Ms. Ndi submitted two applications for independent practice for each license. Following review of the required documentation Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Ernest Tamajong, Adult/Gero NP

Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Williams made a motion, seconded by M. Holzapfel to continue the application until the next meeting pending additional documentation for practice hours and years of experience. Member discussed that on-call hours do not count as actual clinical practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Melanie Hurst, Family NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Beth King, Family NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Jocelyn Hayes, Family NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Haughton, Family NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Hadja Diallo, Certified Nurse Midwife

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Rubacky, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Meghan Miller, Women's Health/Gender Related NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathryn O'Brien, Certified Nurse Midwife

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Lindsay Robinson, Certified Nurse Midwife

Following review of the required documentation Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Christina Sykes, Certified Nurse Midwife

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Beverly Santana, Certified Nurse Midwife

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Rose Clarke, Family NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

**APRN Communication:**

Members discussed the possibility of sending emails to licensed APRNs in DE. Dr. Castaldo suggested to get input from the three of four professional APRN associations in the state. In addition the APRNs may need information about independent practice. Dr. Zickafoose commented that she does not get a lot of inquiries about independent practice and if nurses want this they will apply for it. She will consult with DPR leadership about an email communication. Dr. Williams commented it would be good to communicate with APRNs one to two times per year regarding scope and population issues.

Discussed possibility of submitting information to the DNA Reporter but were unsure who this is mailed to. Dr. Zickafoose checked with Ms. Carmody and she confirmed they do not acquire the addresses from the board of nursing. Instead the list includes members of DNA, participants at conferences, and others who request it for a total over 14,000 mailed each quarter.

PMP education is scheduled and APRNs were notified. Ms. Cunningham added she received the information and it will be held at the Medical Society of DE from 8 AM – 12 Noon on a Tuesday in October. Discussed utilization reports which are sent to each provider annually.

**APRN Report to the General Assembly:**

Dr. Zickafoose reported the BMLD will meet after this meeting and submit a physician to serve on the subcommittee. Preliminary statistics include: 104 APRNs have been granted independent practice with 45 FNP's, 16 Adult/Gero NPs, 10 Psych/MH CNS', 8 Psyche/MH NPs, 6 Ped NPs, 6 CNMs, 5 Adult NPs, 4 CRNAs, 2 Gero NPs, and 2 WH/GR NPs. As of this meeting the total is 117. Dr. Rubacky inquired whether they work in DE or not. Dr. Zickafoose stated we do not collect this information but she would ask the STEMs team to see if they can run a report to cross check CSR license with APRNs with independent practice. Discussed additional information to be included in the report including the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB) disciplinary actions; all professions report disciplinary actions to the NPDB. Dr. Castaldo stated all APRNs should check this periodically as some actions could be submitted without the practitioner knowing.

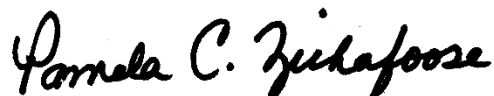
**OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only):** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**NEXT MEETING :** November 5, 2018 in Conference Room A of the Cannon Building

**ADJOURNMENT :** The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela C. Zickafoose, EdD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNE, FRE  
Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing